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***** **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** *****

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Event: North Marietta Neighborhood Assoc. announces COPS Area.

When: February 18, 2006 (Saturday @ 9:00 am)

Where: Avery St. & Allgood Rd.

Contact: Lt. Hathaway – Community Outreach Unit – 770-794-5389

On Saturday, February 18, 2006, The Marietta Police Department Community Outreach Unit will unveil the COPS Area sign at the corner of Avery St. and Allgood Rd. @ 09:00. The North Marietta Neighborhood Assoc. is announcing the start of their neighborhood watch organization. The police department list's these neighborhoods as COPS Areas (Community Outreach Police Services Area). The goal of the COPS Area Program is to enhance the quality of life in neighborhoods throughout the city of Marietta by establishing a partnership between residents and police. Active involvement by citizens in the watching, caring, and protection of their neighborhoods serves to deter and to reduce crime. The Marietta Police Department has been successful in establishing this program in other neighborhoods throughout the city including the Loop Group, Keller Woods, and Hickory Walk. The COPS Area is utilized to educate the public in crime prevention measures. It is **not** for the purpose of establishing any type of vigilante force. Each neighborhood designates a liaison to communicate directly with police. The liaison passes information down through block captains to disseminate information throughout the neighborhood. The NMNA COPS Area will be referred to as the Gateway Group, and their liaison is Leon Leake.